



BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER.

JAMES COX PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY.

Secretary of Business Men's League Stricken While Thought to Be Recovering From Illness.

James Cox, secretary of the Business Men's League, died at his home, No. 211 Marcus avenue, at 6:15 p. m. yesterday. Although Mr. Cox had been confined to his home by illness for two months, the end was unexpected. A severe attack of grip, which seized him a year ago, left him in a debilitated condition, and bronchial trouble followed. When his physicians ordered him to remain at home, last October, he continued his duties as secretary, directing the league's affairs.



JAMES COX.
Secretary of the Business Men's League, who died last evening.

ing his assistants from his home, and personally supervising details and attending to the correspondence in his own study. Two weeks ago he took a turn for the worse, but rallied and was making preparations for a two months' sojourn in Texas, expecting to start next week.

Yesterday he was feeling in exceptionally good spirits, his wife says, and disposed of quite an amount of work. The last thing he did, just before supper, was to write several letters which ex-Governor Francis was anxious to have attended to. He ate a light supper, and a half hour later he was seized with strangulation, and died while his physicians, Doctors Justin Steer and Roland Hill, were endeavoring to relieve him.

His widow, who was Miss Anna Jackson, and one child, Raymond Jackson Cox, 19 years old, survive him. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Bishop Tuttle will conduct services, and the burial will be in Bellefontaine cemetery. The pallbearers have not yet been selected, but will be chosen from among the members of the Business Men's League.

James Cox was born in Audubon, Lancashire, England, January 25, 1851. He came to America in 1884. He adopted the newspaper profession as a business career and was proprietor of a newspaper in Kansas for a short time. He came to St. Louis sixteen years ago and worked on the local dailies here for about five years. In 1891, when the Automobile Festival Association was organized, he was chosen secretary. In 1894, when this association was reorganized as the Business Men's League, he was appointed to fill the same position, which he has held since.

Mr. Cox was an invaluable man to this organization. He was a conscientious and indefatigable worker, a veritable storehouse of knowledge and information concerning the commercial interests of every large city in the Union, with a remarkable faculty for digesting useful facts concerning industrial conditions. He was frequently called upon to furnish data and exhaustive reports of St. Louis's commercial resources and developments for outside States and foreign countries, and was a delegate to many industrial conventions in the last decade.

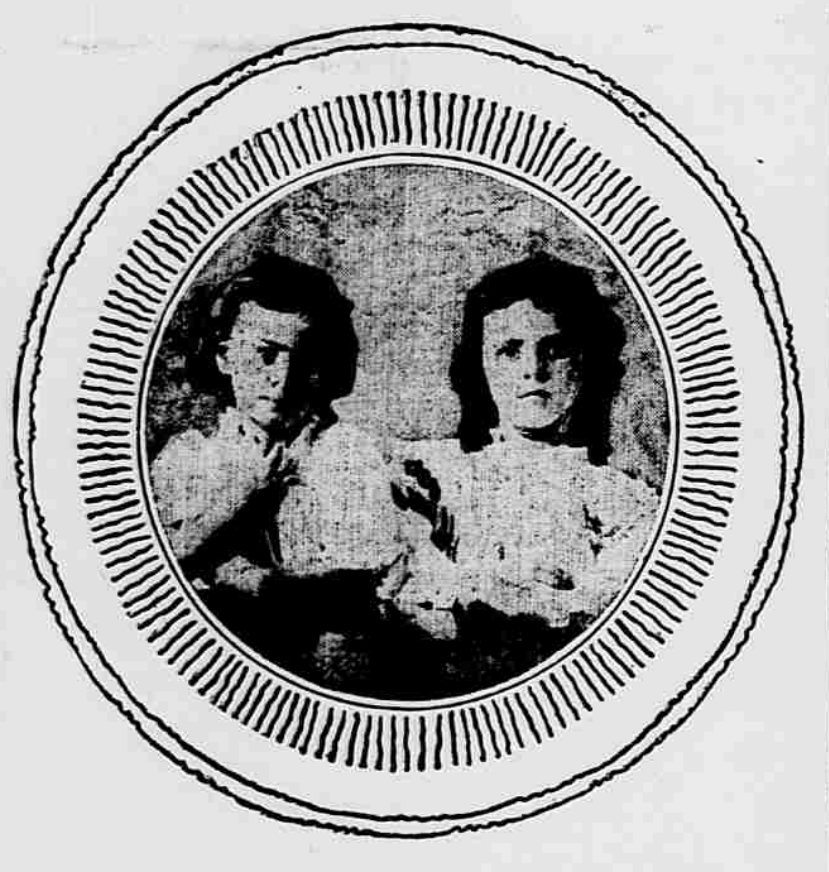
INDIANS ATTACK CAMPERS.

Apaches Kill One Man and Seriously Wound Another.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 2.—John Baker, badly wounded, reached El Paso, yesterday with news of an attack by Apaches upon a camping party of three in San Bernardino Mountains in Mexico. His companion, Walter Kelly, was killed and J. Withersall, a Texas soldier, was injured.

SAYS HUSBAND FAILED TO RETURN HER CHILDREN.

Mrs. Robert J. McBride Locates Her Two Little Girls in Kimmund, Ill., but Comes Home Without Them—Takes Midnight Drive Across the Country and Returns to St. Louis for Aid.



MARIE AND LUCILLE MCBRIDE.
Children of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McBride, who were taken from the city Thanksgiving day by their father.

Desperate efforts of a mother to gain possession of her two little girls, who, she said, had been taken away, willingly, however, from their home in St. Louis by their father, Robert J. McBride, at the little town of Kimmund, Ill., to its depths last Sunday.

Having exhausted every available resource without gaining her point, Mrs. McBride returned to St. Louis yesterday morning to take counsel with her friends and prepare for a hot legal battle to obtain what she considers her rights.

She says she slipped away from Kimmund at dead of night and drove thirty miles across country to Centralia to avoid the possibility of being obliged to return to the house of her brother-in-law, Richard P. McBride, a banker, where she declares the children are.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride were married nine years ago in this city. They lived until last October at No. 2014 Dayton street with their two children, Marie and Lucille, aged 5 and 6 years. McBride was employed by Curtis & Co., Twenty-second street and Washington avenue. On October 19 they were separated. The home was broken up and Mrs. McBride with her little girls went to live with Mrs. McBride's mother, Mrs. Selbert, at No. 3024 Carr street. McBride continued to work for Curtis & Co., but, his wife says, failed to let her know his place of residence. He visited the children several times, even after Mrs. McBride, through Attorney Joseph S. McIntyre, filed suit for divorce. Once, she says, she let the children go out with him and he failed to bring them back for several days.

INVITED CHILDREN TO THANKSGIVING DINNER.

Last Thursday, according to Mrs. McBride, her husband went to her home and asked that the children be permitted to go out to eat Thanksgiving dinner with him. She consented, and, after the little ones had been dressed in their best clothes, they left the house, promising to return early in the evening. Night came, but the children and their father failed to reappear. The mother waited until night and then started out in search of them.

She received information that led her to believe that she might find the missing girls at Kimmund, Ill. She went there Saturday,

day, but, she says, Mrs. S. S. Smith, to whom she applied for information, refused to tell her anything. Mrs. McBride says that she learned that Mrs. Smith, accompanied by two children, had gone to Kimmund the previous day.

The mother took the first train to Kimmund.

Going to a hotel, she says, she engaged a room facing the home of her brother-in-law, Banker McBride, and after waiting two hours began to watch for the children.

Nearly an hour later, she declares, she was rewarded by seeing Marie and Lucille on the opposite side of the thoroughfare, making their way toward church.

MOTHER'S VIGIL.

EVENING REWARDED.

Mrs. McBride hurried across the street and she led the children back to the hotel. She had been there but a few minutes talking to the children when, she says, her brother-in-law entered, accompanied by Mayor Donovan, who is an attorney, and the Town Marshal.

"They tried to make me believe that I had no right to take the children away," said Mrs. McBride last night. "The discussion which followed attracted a crowd, and they led me away out into the street. Pretty soon we were at Richard McBride's house, and before I knew it I was in the house."

"When the door was shut they tried again to make me believe I was wrong. I tried to leave the house, and some one locked the door. The door was unlocked again after about twenty minutes, but I did not try to take the children away again, for I thought it would be useless."

"I sent for Attorney Holt, to whom I stated the case. He said that I was in the right, and that unless my husband should come too quickly I would be able to get possession of the children. I then telegraphed a telegram had been sent to my husband, and before Mr. Holt could carry out his plans my husband was there. Then, of course, he was able to stop the proceedings."

"I slipped out of the house, hired a hack and started to Centralia. I was afraid some effort might be made to prevent me from returning to St. Louis and I wanted to get help for my undertaking."

KERENS RECEIVES RE-ENFORCEMENTS.

National Committeeman Enlisting New Help in His Struggle for Supremacy.

AKINS FACTION CONFIDENT.

Fight Has Developed Until Now It Is Not Only for Patronage but for Political Life Itself—Compromise Impossible.

The Republic Bureau, 10th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, Dec. 2.—The general pressure upon the White House, due to the opening of Congress, causes the St. Louis surveyorship to hang fire. The intensity of the fight is growing, if possible, and the final outcome is being awaited with great interest by Republican leaders out of the State as well as those at home.

The Kerens workers received some additions this morning by the arrival of Charles Morris of Trenton and Rural Inspector Howard of the St. Louis division. The latter came to explain to the powers the great service Colonel Kerens has rendered the State in the establishment of rural free delivery routes.

The Colonel's record in this work is known to be good, but this method of bringing it to the President's attention is somewhat peculiar, inasmuch as the rural delivery employees have just been put under civil-service rules, which to those least acquainted with their workings, might be supposed to mean that the inspectors are required to attend to their work and eschew political brils.

Kerens Has Many Friends.

Nathan Frank and L. P. Aloe were much in evidence at the Senate during today. The fight is shifting to that august body, and Kerens is certain to enlist many of its leaders in the final struggle.

The Kerens people are more inclined now to think that a compromise would be a happy solution of the case, but suggestions to this end are scoffed at in the Akins camp. The Akins forces are demanding either Boyd or Smith, and are as clamorous as ever for a clean-cut decision between the two candidates.

A good many onlookers hold that the fray will finally end in President Roosevelt exclaiming: "A plague for something worse" on both your houses," and suddenly appointing some St. Louis man as yet unmentioned for the office. But those who caught to know the President's real inclinations insist more positively that Boyd's appointment is assured, and that when the rush of the first days of Congress has passed by the name will be sent to the Senate.

May Fight Confirmation.

It is very probable that a strong fight then will be made against confirmation. But that would hardly avail, inasmuch as Smith's term has expired, and so far as is known, no charge has been made against Boyd. The Senate does not often refuse to sanction appointments made under such conditions.

Colonel Kerens and his allies are putting up a fight that is being admired on all sides, whatever the outcome. The politicians say it is not often that leaders die so hard for their friends in factional troubles of this kind. There is much more than Surveyor Smith at issue, however, and the fight made by Kerens is brought to justice for his own political life as for the reappointment of any one else.

The final issue may be kept in doubt for several days yet, and at that time an unexpected development may appear. At the White House late to-night it is said there is as yet positively nothing to make public about the matter.

LEADING TOPICS**TO TAKE HIS SEAT.**

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Vest was the first member of that body to take his seat today. He came in at 11:30 and was occupied during the morning half of the hour in writing letters and chatting with old friends before the Senate came to order. Mr. Vest is looking much better than when Congress adjourned last spring. He has been troubled somewhat with rheumatism, but is able to get about actively, except in very severe weather. Mr. Cockrell came in a little later and was welcomed cordially by associates on both sides of the chamber.

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President of the City Council Suggested for Director of the Proceedings.

JOINT SESSION TO BE HELD.

Board of Health and Council Committee Expected to Begin Investigation Thursday—Coroner's Transcript Ready.

Joseph L. Hornsbey, President of the City Council and member of the Board of Health, probably will officiate as Judge Advocate of the tenuis investigation. At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Health Doctor Merrill suggested the selection of Mr. Hornsbey for director of proceedings, and the other members of the board agreed in the informal discussion that adoption of the idea would insure system in the inquiry.

While he displayed no desire to conduct the proceedings, Mr. Hornsbey declared that some one should be chosen to preside in order to establish method and thereby facilitate progress. Mr. Hornsbey's name was suggested for the reason that he is a member of the City Council and the Board of Health, under whose auspices the investigation will be held.

The inquiry will be managed by the board and the special committee of the City Council in joint session, but the board and the committee will act independently. At the termination of the investigation the board will convene to reach its conclusions and the special committee will report to the City Council, so that the Council may determine responsibility and render judgment. Doctor Merrill's suggestion proposes that the Judge Advocate shall act as interrogator as well as presiding officer.

May Begin Inquiry Thursday.

Mayor Wells expects to make arrangements to begin the investigation about Thursday. It was his intention to outline preliminaries yesterday, but he was obliged to postpone initiative action until the Coroner's transcript would be ready.

The document was not finished at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as promised, and for that reason the Mayor decided to wait until to-day or to-morrow to send out notices for a meeting of the Board of Health and the special committee.

Deputy Coroner Fitzsimmons said last night that the transcript had been completed at 6 o'clock and will be transmitted to the Mayor at 9 o'clock this morning. The document includes 200 typewritten pages. Mayor Wells did not consider the transcript essential, but he is of the opinion that it will afford the assistants and will expedite proceedings.

Grand Jury to Consider Case.

Circuit Attorney Folk yesterday reiterated his statement that the Grand Jury will take up the tenuis inquiry. "I have not yet received a Coroner's transcript," he said, "but I shall get it in the next few days. If I do, the grand jury will be called to consider the case."

The charge may either be malfeasance in office or manslaughter, depending upon the degree of negligence exercised. There has been talk that certain persons are to blame in the matter, and the jury is best that the Grand Jury look into the matter.

The new consumption bill has been drafted by Doctors Merrill and Chapman, but it was not read at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Health. The board approved the appointments of Doctor A. G. Bercher as senior assistant physician in the Female Hospital and August Runge as druggist in the Insane Asylum. Doctors Blittman and Gehring, City Hospital internes, have resigned to embark in general practice.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

(WITH TIME-HONORED CEREMONIES)

IS FORMALLY ASSEMBLED

Thousands of Interested Spectators Witness the Drawing for Seats in the House and Listen With Delight to the First Argument of the Session, Called Forth by the Adoption of the Reed Rules—Organization Completed.

MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND BILLS ALREADY PRESENTED.

Both houses of the Fifty-seventh Congress met in regular session yesterday at noon.

The House was called to order by Clerk McDowell; Speaker Henderson of Iowa was promptly elected, and was escorted to the Speaker's stand by Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, who was nominated by the minority for the high honor.

The roll call, which showed 318 members present, was followed by the drawing for seats, a ceremony in which the crowded galleries took much interest.

Members-elect were sworn in and committees were appointed to wait upon the President and to notify the Senate that the House was convened.

In the Senate, which was called to order by President Pro Tem. Frye of Maine, four new Senators—Dietrich and Millard of Nebraska, Gibson of Montana and Kittridge of South Dakota—were sworn in, a committee was appointed to wait upon the President and adjournment was taken, out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Kyle.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Democratic leadership of the House will be vested in Representative James D. Richardson of Tennessee. He was chosen unanimously in the Democratic caucus Saturday, and, by the vote of his party to-day, this was confirmed.

This is Mr. Richardson's second term. He is one of the best parliamentarians in Congress, of remarkably even temper, of great keenness, and when necessary can become aggressive and vigorous in attack. He is popular, and his leadership will be of great benefit to his party.

Representative De Armond of Missouri and his friends made no contest for the leadership.

HOUSE ORGANIZED IN**THE TIME-HONORED WAY.**

The opening day of the first session of the Fifty-seventh Congress in the House of Representatives furnished a spectacle that delighted the crowded galleries.

The machinery of the House is cumbersome and is set in motion by a laborious process, but the spectators to-day evidently did not consider it tedious, as they clung to their places through the entire proceedings, which lasted four and one-half hours, probably half the time being consumed in the monotonous calling of the roll.

The organization of the House was accomplished according to time-honored precedents. Speaker Henderson was sworn in by General Bingham, "the father of the House," and after delivering a very graceful speech in recognition of the honor bestowed upon him, he in turn administered the oath to members-elect.

The usual committees were appointed to inform the President and the Senate that the House was organized and ready to do business; a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Payne, Bingham and Richardson, was appointed to join a similar committee of the Senate and wait upon the President and inform him that Congress was ready to receive any communication he might have to make; the rules of the last House were adopted after a slight jar, and then the biennial seat-drawing occurred.

This latter ceremony was robbed of much of its interest to-day by the fact that, under the new arrangement of seats, there are more than enough to go around, and those whose names are drawn last do not suffer as they did on former occasions.

The flower show, which is the great feature of the opening day, was not as imposing as usual. More flowers than ever before were sent to members, but after the seat drawing the House adjourned before the third of them were brought into the hall.

SESSION OPENED WITH PRAYER**BY THE BLIND CHAPLAIN.**

At 11:30 one of the assistant doorkeepers standing at the clerk's desk warned those on the floor that those not entitled to be there must retire. Mr. Wilcox, the secretary, delegate from Hawaii, and Mr. Degatun, the delegate from Porto Rico, attracted attention as they moved through the throng on the floor.

Among the old members who have returned again to the House was Thomas J. Kramer of New York, who was a member

of Congress twenty-eight years ago. The only members of the present body who served with him in that Congress are Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania and Mr. Ketchum of New York.

Except for a few exceptions those in the diplomatic and executive galleries was occupied when, at 12 o'clock, Mr. McDowell, clerk of the House, brought his gavel down. The buzz of conversation ceased and the clerk announced that prayer would be offered. The members and many of the spectators arose and stood with bowed heads as the Reverend Couden, the blind chaplain, invoked divine blessing. The prayer was as follows:

Eternal and ever-living God, Our Father through whose infinite wisdom, power and goodness our Republic has been brought through all the vicissitudes of the past in triumph, we bless thee for thy phenomenal growth, thy unparalleled prosperity, thy influence at home and abroad, and for the great principles upon which it is founded, and help us to distinguish clearly between liberty and license; order and chaos; government and anarchy; for righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Let thy blessing descend in full measure upon the members of Congress now convened, and guide them in their strenuous endeavors to enact just and equitable laws and provide for the maintenance of our Government. Uphold and sustain the Speaker of this House in his arduous duties and, oh, God, be gracious near the President of these United States, protect him from violent death and support him in his endeavors to minister efficiently and ably to the affairs of State. Protect his advisers and keep without reproach the great seal of the Republic. We meet in faith and hope and confidence, be not without sorrow and regret that they may be moved by death. Comfort, we beseech thee, thy ancient families with the hope and blessing of immortality. It is with deepest sorrow and pathos that we recall the untimely death of our lamented President, but we thank thee for the great character that stamped itself upon the man who knew him and for his example living as for his sublime faith and trust in the hour of death. Be with the invalid widow in her loneliness and sorrow, sustain her in the remembrance of her life and bring her finally in triumph to him and thee. In the name and spirit of thy Lord Christ, our Savior, amen.

VOTE OF SPEAKER SHOWS**STRENGTH OF THE PARTIES.**

The roll of members-elect then was called by States, amid an ever-increasing uproar of voices, as conversation became more and more animated. Mr. Lacey of Iowa, who answered to their names, Mr. Lacey of Iowa moved that the House proceed by viva voce vote to the election of a Speaker. The motion being carried, Mr. Cannon of Illinois, chairman of the Republican caucus, placed in nomination General Henderson of Iowa amid a salvo of applause from the entire Republican membership.

Mr. Hay of Virginia, chairman of the Democratic caucus, to loud Democratic applause, presented the name of Mr. Richardson of Tennessee. A general laugh followed as Mr. Newell of Nebraska placed in nomination Mr. Stark of his own State, who is the only other Populist acting independently. Messrs. Rumple (Rep.) of Iowa, McCallan (Dem.) of New York, Bates (Rep.) of Pennsylvania and Madison (Dem.) of Georgia were appointed tellers.

The result was: Henderson (Rep.) 181, Stark (Rep.) 1